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SUBJECT: JULY 1 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE IN JULY 1 NEW YORK TIMES SUMMED UP MAJOR NEWS STORY IN AMERICAN PRESS: "CARTER TURNS DOWN B-1 BOMBERS AS EXPENSIVE AND UNNECESSARY; WILL RELY ON EXISTING WEAPONS." BERNARD WEINRAUB OF TIMES SAID "SEVERAL DEFENSE ANALYSTS AND CONGRESSMEN HAVE OFFERED SAME ALTERNATIVE MADE BY MR. CARTER: USE OF B-52 OR ANOTHER PLANE, SUCH AS MODIFIED BOEING 747, TO SERVE AS 'STANDOFF BOMBER.' PLANE WOULD STOP SHORT OF SOVIET BORDER AND FIRE SALVOS OF CRUISE MISSILES AGAINST SOVIET URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL CENTERS IN EVENT OF ATTACK ON U.S." WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORT THAT JUST HOURS AFTER CARTER ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION, HOUSE APPROVED AND SENT TO SENATE 110.1 BILLION DOLLAR DEFENSE APPROPRIATION BILL WITH 1.9 BILLION DOLLARS EARMARKED FOR CONTROVERSIAL B-1. UPI SAID SENATE SOURCES PREDICTED FIGHT BETWEEN SENATE CONSERVATIVES

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AND LIBERALS OVER WHETHER TO DELETE B-1 FUNDS OR APPROVE FUNDS FOR PRODUCTION OF FIVE BOMBERS. HOUSE PASSED DEFENSE APPROPRIATION BILL BY 233 TO 54.

2. DREW MIDDLETON, IN NEW YORK TIMES, SAID CARTER'S DECISION "REPRESENTS BASIC SHIFT IN U.S. STRATEGIC DOCTRINE, BUILT AROUND THREE-PART CONCEPT THAT HAS PREVAILED FOR PAST

15 YEARS." CONCEPT HAS RESULTED IN THREE COEQUAL SYSTEMS OF NUCLEAR DETERRENT -- MANNED BOMBERS, LAND-BASED ICBMS AND SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED ICBMS, WITH EACH INDEPENDENTLY CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO SOVIET NUCLEAR ATTACK. MIDDLETON SAID "WITH MR. CARTER'S DECISION, MANNED Bomber Leg of Triad THREATENS TO BECOME PROGRESSIVELY RELEGATED TO COMPLEMENTARY ROLE TO OTHER TWO ELEMENTS OF TRIAD.; HE SAID AIR FORCE OFFICERS, "ON ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED, WERE SHAKEN BY PRESIDENT'S DECISION AND CONSIDER IT SIGNIFICANT SETBACK TO U.S. NUCLEAR STRATEGY THAT WEAKENS CREDIBILITY OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR DETERRENT."

3. HENRY TREWHITT OF BALTIMORE SUN SAID "WITH HIS DECISIONS ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT CARTER DID NOTHING TO EASE LOT OF ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATORS. SOME SPECIALISTS EVEN ARGUED THAT HE MADE DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET UNION MORE DIFFICULT.' HE SAID "PRESIDENT DID FAR MORE THAN CAST B-1 Bomber INTO LIMBO. HE ALSO ADOPTED FORMALLY FOR FIRST TIME CRUISE MISSILE, CHRONIC, THROBBING ISSUE IN STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS." TREWHITT ADDED: "GENERALLY, REACTION TO APPARENT DEATH OF B-1 WAS PREDICTABLE. THOSE WITH ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN Bomber OR WHO FAVOR WEAPON STRATEGICALLY WERE DISMAYED. MOST ARMS CONTROLLERS, MEMBERS OF THAT LOOSELY KNIT COMMUNITY SKEPTICAL OF VAST ARMAMENTS, WERE DELIGHTED. BUT NOT ALL OF THEM WERE PLEASED. SOME HAD COME TO FEEL THAT B-1, BE-
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CAUSE OF ITS HIGH VISIBILITY AND ENORMOUS COST, ACTUALLY MIGHT BE STABILIZING TO ARMS RACE. CRUISE MISSILE, RELATIVELY CHEAP, HARD TO VERIFY, 'OPENS UP WHOLE NEW CAN OF WORMS,' AS ONE PUT IT. ANOTHER WONDERED WHETHER MR. CARTER MIGHT EVEN COME BACK TO B-1 AT BUDGET-MAKING TIME IN FALL. IT NOW IS ALL BUT CERTAIN THAT NEW SALT ACCORD WILL NOT BE REACHED BEFORE CURRENT ONE EXPIRES OCT 2. IN THAT CASE, SKEPTIC OBSERVED, PRESIDENT COULD SAY TO CONGRESS, 'I TRIED. BUT NOW WE NEED B-1.'" IMPLICATIONS FOR SALT, TREWHITT SAID, "ARE IMPORTANT, THOUGH SUBTLE, JUST AS ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION REGARDING B-1 STANDS. IN ARMS LIMITATION TERMS, B-1 COMMANDS NO MORE RESPECT THAN OLD, SLOW B-52 IT WOULD HAVE REPLACED. BOTH ARE MERELY NUMBERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN FIXING LIMITS ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS. CRUISE MISSILE, ESSENTIALLY PILOTLESS PLANE WITH NUCLEAR WARHEAD, IS ANOTHER MATTER. THEY MAY BE LIMITED IN RANGE BY NEXT STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT, AS MR. CARTER SAID, BUT VIRTUALLY ALL SPECIALISTS AGREE THAT VERIFICATION -- MAKING SURE THERE IS NO CHEATING -- IS AWESOMELY DIFFICULT. SOME HAD HOPED THAT CRUISE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT COULD BE AVOIDED ENTIRELY FOR THAT REASON." CRUISE MISSILE WILL BE CARRIED BY B-52 OR OTHER PLANES,

SUCH AS FAMILIAR BOEING 747, SPECIALLY ADAPTED AS MISS E PLATFORM. "AS CONSIDERATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, IT WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY NUMBERS OF PLATFORMS, NOT NUMBERS OF MISSILES. BUT PRESIDENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT U.S. AND SOVIET UNION STILL HAVE DIFFERENCES ON THAT SCORE. RUSSIANS WANT TO COUNT PLANES CARRYING CRUISE MISSILES UNDER SPECIAL SUBLIMITS ON MULTIPLE WARHEADS. THAT, SAID PRESIDENT, 'IS STILL IN DISPUTE.' ON OTHER HAND, HE SAID, U.S. AND SOVIET POSITIONS ARE 'FAIRLY COMPATIBLE' ABOUT RANGE OF SUCH MISSILES. THOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO, THAT RANGE IS KNOWN TO BE ABOUT 1,500 MILES." TREWHITT SAID "THOUGH DETAILS WERE YET TO BE CLARIFIED, IT WAS APPARENT THAT PRESIDENT HAD SETTLED HANDFUL OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND EVEN STRATEGIC PROBLEMS. HE HAD NOT SETTLED ANY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ARMS CONTROL."

4. KEVIN KOSE OF WASHINGTON POST IN DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW SAID SOVIET UNION MADE NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON PRESIDENT'S SURPRISE DECISION TO HALT PRODUCTION OF B-1 BOMBER. TASS REPORTED B-1 DECISION WITHOUT COMMENT. IZVESTIA, IN COMMENTARY BEFORE PRESIDENT'S DECISION, HAD INDICATED IT THOUGHT HE WOULD ORDER GO-AHEAD ON PRODUCTION.

5. WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST, CONTINUING HIS REPORTAGE ON NEUTRON BOMBS, SAID FIRST DETAILS ON RADIATION EFFECTS OF PENTAGON'S PROPOSED NEW GENERATION OF NEUTRON, TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE EMERGING FROM ARMY DOCUMENTS AND GOVERNMENT WEAPONS EXPERTS. "RATIONALE FOR NEW RADIATION-ENHANCED WEAPONS IS BELIEF OF PENTAGON PLANNERS THAT REGULAR NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED BECAUSE OF THEIR GREATER HEAT AND BLAST EFFECT BEYOND BATTLEFIELD RANGE." PINCUS SAID "ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES, ONE KILOTON NEUTRON-ENHANCED RADIATION ARTILLERY PROJECTILE OR MISSILE WARHEAD WOULD DELIVER 8,000 RADS OF RADIATION TO EXPOSED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN HALF MILE OF THAT EXPLOSION." PERSONNEL WILL BECOME INCAPACITATED WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF EXPOSURE AND FOR PHYSICALLY DEMANDING TASK WILL REMAIN INCAPACITATED UNTIL DEATH IN ONE OR TWO DAYS. PINCUS SAID INFORMED SOURCES TOLD HIM THAT ONE KILOTON WEAPON'S OUTPUT OF RADIATION FALLS RAPIDLY, BUT DOSES OF 650 RADS WOULD BE DELIVERED UP TO THREE-QUARTERS OF MILE FROM TARGET. AT 650 RADS, FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT TAKES PLACE WITHIN TWO HOURS. PERSONNEL MAY RESPOND TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SURVIVE THIS DOSE, BUT MAJORITY WILL REMAIN FUNCTIONALLY IMPAIRED UNTIL DEATH IN SEVERAL WEEKS. THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM REFERENCE BOOK OF U.S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF UNCLASSIFIED

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COLLEGE ON "CONVENTIONAL NUCLEAR OPERATIONS." PINCUS SAID ACDA, RESPONDING TO REQUEST FROM SENATOR PELL, SENT DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT ON NEUTRON BOMB TO WHITE HOUSE JUNE 30. PELL ASKED THAT IMPACT STATEMENT BE AVAILABLE FOR SENATE DEBATE ON PRODUCTION MONEY. SENATE DUE TO VOTE JULY 1 ON FUNDING PRODUCTION OF EIGHT-INCH ARTILLERY SHELL AND NEW WARHEAD FOR LANCE MISSILE.

6. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED JUNE 30 THAT PRESIDENT IS NOMINATING JOSEPH M. HENDRIC, BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY PHYSICIST, TO BE MEMBER OF NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.

7. NEW YORK TIMES IN DISPATCH FROM SEOUL REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TONG JIN HAS HINTED THAT SOUTH KOREA COULD DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS IF THAT COUNTRY'S SECURITY WAS SEVERELY THREATENED.

8. ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK IN WASHINGTON POST SAID "CHILLING STUDY OF POTENTIAL IMPACT OF SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE MEASURES ON U.S.-SOVIET STRATEGIC NUCLEAR BALANCE RAISES FRESH DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. RELIANCE ON STRATEGY THAT ASSUMES EACH SIDE IS CAPABLE OF VIRTUALLY DESTROYING OTHER -- STRATEGY CALLED 'MUTUAL ASSURED DESTRUCTION.'" SYNDICATED COLUMNISTS SAID STUDY WAS PRIVATELY DONE BY TEAM OF EXPERTS UNDER DIRECTION OF T. K. JONES, ONE OF FOREMOST AMERICAN STUDENTS IN STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ANALYSIS, FOR NON-GOVERNMENT DEFENSE AND NUCLEAR STUDENTS. THE JONES MODEL WAS BASED ON U.S. RETALIATORY ALL-OUT NUCLEAR STRIKE "SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AS POPULATION-KILLER, USING EVERY STRATEGIC WEAPON THAT SURVIVED INITIAL STRIKE,;" EVANS AND NOVAK POINTED OUT. AS RESULT OF SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE PRINCIPLES AND PLANS, NUMBER OF FATALITIES FROM AMERICAN RETALIATORY ATTACK WOULD BE AS LOW AS FOUR MILLION, THEY NOTED. EVANS AND NOVAK SAID THIS STUDY CORRECTLY SUGGESTS THIS CONCLUSION: "IF THIS HIGHLY EXAGGERATED MODEL ... CANNOT
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PRODUCE CASUALTY LEVELS FAR GREATER THAN THOSE OF PAST WARS, THEN 'POPULATION HOSTAGE' CONCEPT OF MUTUAL DETERRENCE LOSES MUCH OF ITS CREDIBILITY." EVANS AND NOVAK POINTED OUT SOVIET UNION SUFFERED 20 MILLION FATALITIES IN WORLD WAR TWO, FIVE TIMES MORE THAN IT SUFFERED IN THEORETICAL AMERICAN NUCLEAR STRIKE AIMED SOLELY AT SOVIET PEOPLE." CHRISTOPHER

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